



## THE POEM CURE.

## THOUSANDS ATTENDED PRO-BOER MEETING.

W. J. Bryan and Mayor Johnson of Cleveland Accepted Invitations to Speak.

## BOTH WARMLY WELCOMED.

Resolutions Urging President to Continue the Efforts of McKinley Against Concentration Camps Were Passed.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 5.—Four thousand persons attended a pro-Boer meeting in Gray's Armory this afternoon. There was enthusiastic applause for every expression of sympathy and encouragement for the struggling Boers.

An unexpected event in the meeting was the appearance of W. J. Bryan, who was in the city for the day as the guest of Mayor Johnson.

When the committee in charge of the meeting learned that the Democratic leader was in the city an invitation was sent to him and the Mayor to attend and address the gathering. Both gentlemen accepted and when, toward the close of other speeches, Mr. Bryan and Mr. Johnson entered the hall the whole audience rose on their feet and greeted them with hurrahs and handclapping.

Upon the stage were seven native Boers who had been in some of the early conflicts of their countrymen against the English forces. They were driven from the country and are now residents of this city.

The meeting continued for four hours, the principal address being by John J. Lentz.

When the formal speeches of the afternoon were concluded, Messrs. Bryan and Johnson were called upon to address the vast audience.

Mr. Bryan spoke for about five minutes, during which time he said:

"Sad will be that day, fallen will be the star of our destiny if the time ever comes when struggling freemen feel that they cannot look upon the people of these States for sympathy."

Mr. Bryan said that he was in entire sympathy with the intent of the meeting, and that he was glad to see the Boers in the United States for aid and sympathy in their struggle, and that he considered it a disgrace that no official expression of sympathy had yet been made by this Government.

Mr. Bryan believed that the English people are opposed to the continuance of the war, because they, too, are suffering because of the unhappy conflict and are the ones that must bear the burden of the cost.

Mayor Johnson also spoke briefly, and said that he was in full sympathy with the intent of the meeting and expressed similar sentiments to those expressed by Mr. Bryan in that the English people generally are opposed to the war.

A resolution of great length was passed and will be sent to the President of the United States. The resolution calls attention of the President to the continuance of the war for the last two years, and states that it has been characterized, on the part of the British, as a conflict of savagery by the confiscation or destruction of property of inhabitants and noncombatants living within the zone of war.

McKinley's Denunciation.

Attention is called to the denunciation by President McKinley of the system of concentration camps.

A quotation from the Manchester (England) Guardian of September 4, 1901, is made which states that a degree of suffering and death exists in these camps without a parallel in history. In conclusion, the President is asked to enforce the treaty of Washington, May 3, 1871, denying to vessels operating under British authority opportunity for the augmentation of supplies of war from the United States.

President Roosevelt is asked to continue the efforts of his predecessor to bring to an end the horrors of concentration camps and a warfare which, by its unexampled ferocity and enormous cost of life and treasure, has assailed the civilized world.

Members of German singing societies numbering 600 voices sang patriotic songs.

## LEADING TOPICS TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

THE SUN RISES THIS MORNING AT 7:30 AND SETS THIS EVENING AT 5:42. THE MOON RISES TO-MORROW MORNING AT 5:25.

## WEATHER INDICATIONS.

For St. Louis and Vicinity—Continued fair weather; stationary temperature.

For Missouri and Illinois—Fair Monday and Tuesday.

For Arkansas—Fair Monday; probably rain Tuesday.

For Eastern Texas—Partly cloudy Monday; warmer in eastern portion.

Tuesday, cloudy; probably rain.

For Western Texas—Partly cloudy Monday; probably rain at night Tuesday.

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2. Clash in Music at the Odeon.

3. Mississippi at World's Fair.

4. Baked Potatoes Cause Split in Junior Jefferson Club.

5. Congress Reconciles To-Day.

6. Millionaires Must Cook and Clean Up.

7. Their Last Chance for Reimbursement.

8. Football Games.

9. Editorials.

10. Scandals in the Management of the Pan-territory, 1895-1901.

11. Stage News.

12. Should Be Good Year for Our Products.

13. Burglars Break a Window.

14. Sermons and Services at the Churches.

15. Grains Worked Higher on Good Buying.

16. St. Louis Produce Market.

17. River News.

18. Republic "Want" Advertisements.

19. East Side News.

20. Millionaires Make Stronger Protest.

21. Reaction Noted in Stock Market.

22. Rails and Engines Sticking at Panama.

23. Water Building Designed for the T. P. A.

24. Will Observe Anniversary.

25. Annual Business Meeting.

## ORGANIZING AFTER CAUCUS.

Hanna Forces Show Scant Courtesy to Foraker Men.

Columbus, O., Jan. 5.—The Republican caucus last night nominated the Foraker ticket for the Senate and the Hanna ticket for the House. Today the contest was continued on the same lines over the make-up of the standing committee, and it is evident that the chairmanships and preferred places will go the same way as the offices.

Price, who was defeated for Speaker by McKinley, will be shown consideration as chairman of the Judiciary Committee. The chairmanships of one of the committees on Municipal Affairs, in deference to George R. Cox, will go to some member from Cincinnati, but the courtesy will not be extended further.

The Senate committee are being appointed by a special committee on the lines of the Republican caucus, with the Democrats co-operating.

## MORMONS' STRIDES IN GERMANY.

Two Thousand Converts Made—Conference at Berlin.

Berlin, Jan. 5.—The German Mormon conference has assembled here under the leadership of Hugh J. Cannon, son of the late George Q. Cannon, the well-known Mormon apostle.

One hundred and twenty-five Mormon missionaries are now working in Germany and have secured 2,000 followers.

The present conference is attended by more than 100 of the German missionaries.

## FARMER WOUNDS A WOMAN.

Shot Intended for a Missourian—Strikes His Wife.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 5.—Near Shawnee, Kas., a village ten miles west of here, Carl Fisher, a farmer, shot and probably fatally wounded Mrs. Mary L. Wallace in the presence of her husband, J. H. Wallace, and their two small children.

The Wallaces were traveling overland in a covered wagon from Rich Hill, Mo., to near Fisher's farm, and he accused them of stealing corn from his crib. The shot that struck Mrs. Wallace was intended for her husband, Fisher escaped, but was arrested.

## PREACHER'S HEROISM IN FACE OF DEATH.

Clung to His Child in the Waves After the Walla Walla Disaster.

## BUT BOY DIED AFTER RESCUE.

Heartbroken Father Forced to Give the Body to the Sea—French Bark Max Is Badly Disabled.

San Francisco, Jan. 5.—The French bark Max, which collided with the steamship Walla Walla early Thursday morning, is being towed to this city in a badly disabled condition. The Max's bowsprit was carried away and her bow was stove in both above and below the water line.

Her water-tight compartments alone were keeping her afloat.

Ninety-two survivors of the Walla Walla arrived here today from Eureka on the steamer Pomona. There is still some discrepancy in the lists of dead and missing.

The number ranges from thirty-seven to forty-seven. This discrepancy is due to the fact that several passengers boarded the vessel just as she was leaving port. Others who were traveling alone, Erickson gave names in order to hide their identity. By striking out what are possible duplicates the number of lost stands at 42, classed as follows:

Known dead, nine.  
Missing, passengers, thirteen; crew, twenty.

One life raft is unaccounted for, and it is feared that all the missing are lost.

Preacher's Terrible Experience.

The Reverend Henry Erickson, who was among the six survivors rescued to this city by the steamer Nome City last night, said at St. Mary's Hospital, a man in an almost mental wreck. His wife and three children are among the dead and missing.

The Erickson family, however, the mother, were second-class passengers. When the crash came they were awakened and all got on the upper deck together, Mrs. Erickson and the two younger children got separated from their father and the older brother. What their fate was is not known, but it is presumed they were drowned when the vessel went down. Erickson said that his son clung together and were pitched into the water clear of the sinking steamer.

They floated around for some time and finally were picked up by the life raft, in which were a number of the officers of the Walla Walla. It was almost daylight when they were found and they were in an exhausted condition. Father and son were pulled on the life raft, but the boy was too weak to stand the exposure.

A few hours later the father's arms, and after the heartbroken parent had bowed his head in silent prayer over the waves as tenderly as he could, the boy was pulled on the life raft, but the boy was too weak to stand the exposure.

After the body of the boy had gone the father became more and more dependent. Despite the advice of his companions time and time again he filled his hands with water and drank it. This added to his misery, and his companions feared that he would be next to succumb. The sea was running high and dashing over the raft, but all clung on through the long hours of the day and the long hours of the night.

They hoped against hope until the steamer City picked them up. The Reverend Mr. Erickson was the first to be lifted aboard. He was at once placed in bed and was carefully tended as circumstances would permit. It is thought he will recover from the terrible effects of the exposure, unless he succumbs under his grief.

Cecil Brown, fourth officer of the Walla Walla, who was one of the six picked up by the Nome City, describing the scene as it was going down, said:

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## CLASH IN MUSIC AT THE ODEON.

Well and Robyn Give Rival Concerts, Separated by Only a Thin Partition.

## LITHOGRAPHS ARE TORN DOWN.

Differences Are Adjusted by Manager of the Odeon and Unusually Large Audiences Enjoy Both Events.

Separated only by an ordinary partition wall, the two largest crowds that ever congregated in the Odeon on Sunday afternoon assembled yesterday and applauded the efforts of rival directors. In the main auditorium Well's band performed to a large audience; in the red hall Robyn's popular Sunday concert was rendered before an assembly of gratifying proportions.

Trouble was expected yesterday afternoon by Manager Harry J. Walker of the Odeon, and the trouble materialized almost before Messrs. Robyn, Well and Walker had digested their midday meal.

Conditions were favorable for conflict. The entrance to the main auditorium is only about ten feet distant from the entrance to the red hall. Both entrances are situated in the rear of the main corridor, at the top of a row of stairs. A placard to the left advertised the Robyn popular Sunday concert, and a lithograph ten feet farther back advertised the concert of Well's band.

The first incident which threatened to incite a row was attributed to an accident. A three-sheet lithograph board, decorated with a red and black Robyn poster, was moved from its prominent position next to the main entrance. In front of the music hall, to a less conspicuous place, another green and black Well lithograph was given the position of honor. Mr. Walker explained that the exchange was accidentally wrought by the attendants. The men, he said, had been in the hall in Saturday night and probably made the change thoughtlessly Sunday morning.

Table Causes a Wordy Fight.

The first genuine demonstration between the manager of the Odeon and the managers of the concerts was precipitated by this incident. The little party, which had stationed in the corridor, near the main entrance, to serve as a ticket office, Mr. Robyn's agents put the table about ten feet closer to the entrance than the regular ticket office, which was used by the Well agents. As the regular office is empty, Mr. Robyn's table had a shoddy advantage.

About 3:15, a quarter of an hour before the concert was to begin, Attorney Ekin and Well's brother, the hammer, objected to Manager Walker about the unfavorable location of the table. Mr. Walker ordered the ornament pushed back over the ticket office.

The Robyn agents sent word of the occurrence to Mr. Robyn, who was in the hall, and the latter came out hurriedly. "Mr. Walker," he said, with a display of courtesy, "that table must remain where it is. Don't you think it most? I think so, and, of course, you agree with me. It will not only remain there today, but every day I give a concert here." The table remained.

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Patrons, as they entered, looked at the table and glanced at the placards at the two entrances and smiled. Many persons evidently went to the concerts out of mere curiosity, to see what the fuss was about. The crowd began to come early in the afternoon, and by 7:30 o'clock the hall was well packed, while the parquette city by the steamer Nome City last night, said at St. Mary's Hospital, a man in an almost mental wreck. His wife and three children are among the dead and missing.

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## GIVES \$50,000 TO LIFT A MORTGAGE.

Manion D. Brown Makes a New Year Donation to Missouri Baptist Sanitarium.

## ENDOWMENT FUND OF \$25,000.

Charity Feature of the Institution to Be Extended—Improvements to Be Made in the Building.

By a donation of \$50,000 by Atanson D. Brown, who has made other philanthropic contributions to local institutions and enterprises, the entire mortgage indebtedness of the Missouri Baptist Sanitarium has been liquidated. This large contribution was made on condition that \$25,000 additional be raised among Baptists throughout the city and State as an endowment fund. The conditions have been fulfilled and, as a result, the institution has an endowment fund of \$50,000, besides a balance of \$7,000 for use in improving the buildings and grounds.

At a meeting of the Board of Managers last October Mr. Brown agreed to pay off the debt of \$50,000 by January 1, 1902, provided an endowment fund of \$25,000 would be created. He signed a legal document in which this condition was set forth, and the document was exhibited to prominent citizens of St. Louis for the purpose of obtaining subscriptions.

Mr. Brown personally solicited for the institution and succeeded in obtaining about \$20,000. This accomplished, the document was submitted to the Baptist Association at a meeting held in Springfield, Mo., on October 28, and the association was requested to complete the subscriptions.

Mr. Brown tendered his check to the board January 1, and the \$50,000 was taken up the next day. Up to date about \$70,000

of a similar character held in our own country and elsewhere in recent years and my object in writing this communication is to assist in raising, if possible, an interest in it among our own people, consistent with its great importance to the State.

A few days since I received a letter from the chairman of one of its principal committees, asking if I thought the Legislature when it meets would give an audience some time in January to the representatives of the Fair, that they might make a presentation of its economic and industrial aspects. I at once answered that while I was without authority, of course, to speak for the Legislature, I had no doubt a cordial welcome would be extended to our lawmakers and a ready and willing audience given them.

It must be confessed with something of a feeling of regret, if not mortification, that in the past Mississippi has not done what she could and should have done in advertising to the world her magnificent resources and industrial power.

Scarcely when the very threshold of a new century, our great State should avail of the splendid opportunity offered to let the world know of her resources, and what she can do in the race of material progress and prosperity which stretches out before us.

Mississippi must be the great Republic. Mississippi owes no public debt of any consequence, and with a plenteous treasury in the State second to none other, and it is money could be used to better advantage than in making a beaming exhibit at the great fair of her marvelous resources of field and forest. Let our legislators and people awake to the importance of this matter, and let the newspaper press of the State take hold of it in their columns and give it warm commendation.

Your own journal, Mr. Editor, made a power in the State second to none other, and it is to be hoped that you will use its great influence along the lines I have indicated in furtherance of this great enterprise.

Whose donation of \$50,000 wipes out the indebtedness of the Missouri Baptist Sanitarium.

has been received, and it is expected that the remaining \$50,000 will be paid by the end of this week. The \$25,000 will be judiciously invested by the Executive Committee of the institution, and the balance of \$25,000 will be devoted to making improvements. The object is to extend the charitable feature of the institution.

Several donors and the Board of Managers held a thanksgiving meeting yesterday afternoon in the sanitarium chapel. Congratulatory speeches were delivered by Messrs. Parsons, Johnson, La Prele and others.

## REDUCTION OF CHURCH DEBT.

Incumbence on St. Xavier's Church Property is Decreasing.

The Reverend Father Henry C. Bromberg, pastor of St. Xavier's Church, 28th avenue and Lindell boulevard, announced yesterday that the church debt had been reduced \$10,000 last year, bringing the obligation down to about \$100,000.

He complimented the congregation on this excellent showing. "The reduction is very good," he said; "it is not a small sum, by any means."

Thirteen individual memorial tablets, each bearing the name or names of donors who contributed \$500, were located in the church this year. These bronze, shield-form tablets have been put up under the statues of the cross, and they make attractive mural decorations.